# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# COMMUNICATIONS
# LOK SABHA

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**Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:**

(a) whether in spite of revision in the tariff for rental charges for telephone connections in November 1992 but his department continued to issue bills at the old rates thereby causing heavy losses to the State;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the total loss suffered by the Government as a result thereof for the last three years;

(c) whether the Government have enquired into the matter;

(d) if so, the outcome thereof; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

## Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

(a) There was no tariff revision in November 1992 for rental charges for Telephone connections. However, during November 1992 tariffs for various leased telecom services (circuits) were revised. In very few cases, the bills for the leased circuits were issued at the old rates.

(b) The details of short billing in the last 3 years as pointed out by C&/AG and the present position on action taken in the matter is given in annexure.

(c) to (e): There was some delay in a few cases in implementing the revised tariff and in such cases revised bills have since been issued.

ANNEXURE

(Figures in Lakhs of Rupees)

| C&AG report for the year | Amount of short billing pointed out by Audit after verification | Actual amount for which bills were due and issued | Amount recovered so far |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1998 | 39.97 | 39.97 | 39.97 |
| 1999 | 198.43 | 183.49 | 44.82 |
| 2000 | 37.40 | 36.97 | 22.66 |